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## INCOME TAX ANNOUNCEMENT

### Committee Appointed To Re-Examine Proposed Bill

#### Ten Per Cent. As Standard Rate

On the assumption that the standard rate will be 10 per cent, a Committee has been appointed to examine the Inland Revenue Bill and to submit recommendations to Government concerning provisions which might inflict special hardship on any section of the community. The Committee is also to examine the bill to detect anomalies or conflicts and to submit recommendations for their removal. A Government statement to this effect, issued late yesterday evening, reads as follows:—

### Jews To Combat Terrorism

Jerusalem, Apr. 2. British officials and moderate Jewish leaders are charting separate courses of action designed to wipe out the Jewish underground organizations responsible for recent acts of violence.

Palatine Government leaders have conferred on methods of striking back at the terrorists who blasted the Haifa dock area shortly after midnight Sunday.

Fires still blaze on the docks and the damage is estimated at US\$4,000,000.

British leaders say they intend to make the whole Jewish community responsible for the act and a Government source says a collective fine might be levied "to make the community pay the damage."

Meanwhile, David Ben Gurion, Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, has urged the Jews to combat terrorism "even with the use of force if necessary."

There is considerable speculation that the British leaders will insist on the immediate execution of the four members of the underground at present under death sentence.

The Palestine Supreme Court, however, has granted a plea by the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv requiring military and prison officials to show cause why one of the condemned men—Dov Gruner—should be executed.

Hearing is set for Thursday in Jerusalem. — Associated Press.

### Protest Rejected

The protest of the Canton authorities regarding the prison sentences in Hong Kong on two men, said to be members of the Ho On District Police Preservation Corps, has been rejected. It is learned:

The men were sentenced to four years' hard labour after having been found guilty of carrying arms, shooting and assault, with intent to rob during a running gun fight with a junk on Feb. 6.

The Canton authorities contended that the two men were merely performing their duty.

A Government source said it was quite clear the men had violated British law in British territory and there was no question but that the sentence was justified.

### "JUST A LITTLE"

Paris, Apr. 2. The French evening paper "Le Figaro" said today in a report not yet confirmed, that M. Marius Moutet, French Minister for Overseas Territories, intended to resume negotiations with the Vietnamese Government, with Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam, serving as intermediary.

An official of the Ministry said that the report was "apparently a little exaggerated." — Reuters.

London, Apr. 2. The Foreign Office today said the British Government will take up with Moscow the Russian policy forbidding entry of British ships to the Russian Black Sea ports.

The Inland Revenue (Earnings and Profits) Bill was published for general information in the "Gazette" of the 7th March with a notification that it was the intention of Government to refer it to the Taxation Committee for examination by that body and for an expression of its views.

This has been done and the Government has now received an expression of the views of the members of the Taxation Committee, which was augmented for the purpose of this enquiry by the inclusion in its number of all the unofficial members of the Legislative Council.

The members of the Committee, while agreeing in principle that direct taxation should be imposed, expressed themselves as being in favour of postponement of the operation of the tax a future date.

All except three of the view was also expressed by all except three of the unofficial members of the Committee.

(a) that in their opinion it was imperative that the standard rate should be low and that it should not exceed 10 per cent.

(b) that the Bill required more detailed examination than had hitherto been possible and that it should therefore now be referred to a Committee for further examination.

In accordance with these two latter recommendations a Committee has now been appointed with the following terms of reference:—

"On the assumption—that the standard rate will be 10 per cent.

(a) to examine the Bill in detail and to submit recommendations in regard to any provisions which in the opinion of the Committee might inflict special hardship on any section of the community.

(b) to examine the Bill with a view to detecting anomalies or conflict between provisions and to submit recommendations for their removal."

The following is the membership of the Committee:—The Honourable Mr. A. Morse, C.B.E., Chairman; The Honourable Mr. M. K. Lo, C.B.E.; J. Y. V. Hunt, Esq.; Kan Tong To, Esq.; M. P. Key, Esq.; Richard Lee, Esq.; E. W. Pridney, Esq. (also acting as Secretary); A. Ritchie, Esq.; W. N. Thomas Tam, Esq.

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### GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday being a holiday, there will be no issue of the "China Mail" on Saturday.

### Vicar Of Hastings Warns!!

Hastings, Apr. 1.

The Vicar of Christ Church, who contended recently with ghouls and vandals, found today he had a whole new flock of sinners—his parishioners were "messing around with the Ten Commandments" and he would not be surprised if they are visited by divine displeasure.

The Rev. R. B. Flynn said the people of Hastings went too far when they voted for Sunday movies.

"There was a case in Martinique where the people also went too far. They held a mock religious ceremony on Good Friday and crucified a pig."

The next day a volcano erupted and killed every one in town except a man in a dunce cap.

"I do not prophesy anything so dreadful will happen in Hastings. But, messing around with the Ten Commandments only gets the people into trouble—and Sunday movies breaks the Fourth Commandment."

The Vicar took time off for his warning from directing the filling in of 14th Century graves in the church cemetery opened by ghouls and the scraping of red paint brushed on pews last week by vandals, who also ripped the altar hangings and broke candlesticks. — United Press.

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### Deep Pessimism In Moscow

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Amidst deep pessimism as to the Big Four conference further chances for success, the Foreign Ministers meet today in an ordinary full session to consider the form and scope of the future German provisional government.

In doing so the Ministers will pass over the reparations question, which ended in complete deadlock, and tackle another question which most observers considered pregnant with potential disagreement.

Following Tuesday's secret session on reparations, which ended in total failure, the Ministers abandoned an unsuccessful attempt to do some trading in private and decided on resuming full-scale meetings.

At the end of a bleak day, pessimism swept through the conference circles and there was even speculation whether the conference might abort altogether and in failure. This view, however, was discounted in most quarters.

Admittedly yesterday's failure made the conference's future extremely uncertain. But it also was recalled that agreements at such conferences never come until the last possible moment.

It was suggested that Gen. George Marshall, in a supreme attempt to get an agreement, might seek a personal conference with Generalissimo Josef Stalin, going over M. Molotov's head. However, there was no indication thus far whether this actually was being considered.

Friendlier Mood. The delegations spent the evening in a friendlier mood, seeing movie given by the Russians in honour of their guests.

The French delegates alone did not share the general pessimism. They said the proposal by Mr. Georges Bidault might provide a compromise on reparations.

In any event, nobody expected to write a German treaty here; and there are other questions to be considered: an American proposal for a 40-year Allied treaty to enforce German disarmament; the question of Germany's future frontiers; the future German Government; unification of Germany and last but not least, the Austrian treaty. — United Press.

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### "BY THE GRACE OF GOD"

Manchester, Apr. 2. The "Manchester Guardian" editorially said today "there is nothing surprising in General Franco's announcement... the Caudillo of Spain 'by the grace of God' as he recently proclaimed himself on his coronation in a kingdom." — United Press.

### "Hate Training" Was Stopped

London, Apr. 1.

"Hate training" at Army battle schools was stopped during the war because psychiatrists advised against it.

This was disclosed today in a report of the Expert Committee on the Work of Psychologists and Psychiatrists in the Services, which was appointed in 1942. A foreword states that the recommendations of the report have been implemented in a considerable measure.

Additional interest is given to the report by the announcement in Parliament last week that new methods of treatment, including study by psychiatrists, is to be given to future Army offenders instead of the present system of detention.

The report states that early in 1942, at the request of General Headquarters, Home

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### PEDDER STREET 6 P.M. HOLD-UP

Two daring armed robberies were carried out in broad daylight in the heart of the city yesterday, the robbers in both cases escaping with loot reportedly amounting to nearly a lakh.

Shortly before noon, two men, dressed in civilian clothes, walked into the office of the Po Wah Jewellery Company at Room 102, Loke Yew Building, first floor, and asked to be shown some jade rings.

They were immediately followed by two others who produced revolvers and hustled the manager and a clerk into a back room where they were bound and gagged. About \$30,000 was taken from the safe and the manager was threatened with a dagger to make him reveal where the jewellery was kept. The robbers departed when the telephone bell rang.

Six hours later, just as the Wing Cheong Moneychangers, No. 6 Pedder Street, China Building, was closing shop for the day at 6 p.m., a man in European-style dress walked in and asked for \$10,000 to be changed into Hong Kong money. When he got to the counter he produced a revolver. He was followed by two accomplices, one in European dress and the other in a Chinese style fannan suit, who also produced revolvers. Together they forced the four men behind the counter to hand over the day's takings which they were counting, and which the robbers stuffed into a bag. The coup took less than five minutes, and after forcing the shop folks to keep quiet on pain of being shot, the three robbers calmly made their way to the pavement, along which a congested crowd was milling all the time. A count of the loss revealed that the robbers took cash amounting to \$57,000 odd, plus foreign currency, gold, 10,000 and 10,000, 80,000, a cheque drawn on the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation for \$3,000 was also taken. The number of the cheques was given as 005,647.

Calcutta, Apr. 2. The Indian National Ambulance Corps says that 12 were killed and 53 injured in Calcutta and nearby Howrah on Tuesday, in the seventh day of the communal rioting between Hindus and Moslems.

The violence was marked with looting, assaults and bomb throwings.

A Government communique says the situation in Calcutta is unchanged but slightly improved in Howrah.

The Punjab provincial government in Lahore reports Hindu-Muslim disorders along the borders of the Delhi province.

Both Hindus and Moslems are said to be attacking rival villages. Early reports, however, indicate little loss of life. — Associated Press.

Cawnpore, Apr. 2. Troops were called out today when communal rioting flared up last night after a 36 hour lull.

The police were reported to have seized firearms from houses after rioters had fired at and wounded six policemen.

The police opened fire to disperse crowds of Hindus and Moslems who were hurling brickbats at one another in the business area and later arrested 66 rioters. — Reuters.

Shanghai, Apr. 2. Chinese Government planes this morning machine-gunned and bombed the UNRRA relief ship "Wan Cheng" at Shihchiu, 60 miles south of Tsingtao, wounding three members of the crew, including the skipper, Captain William Lee, a Briton, whose condition is serious.

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# FORMOSAN EXECUTIONS CRITICISED

Nanking, Apr. 2.  
The Kuomintang Central Standing Committee today approved the resolution to recall General Chen Yi, Governor of Formosa, passed at the recent third plenary session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee.

On Mr. Blair-Kerr deciding to convict Li Kau, 24, and Sin Plu, 24, Chinese members of the R. A. at Arkyle-Street Camp, on the charges of attempting to avoid payment of the legal bus fare and assault-

Four other Chinese Sub-Inspectors — Fong Yik-fai, Wong Wing-yin, Ho Hung-cheung and Alfred Fong-cheong — have also been promoted Local Inspectors.

Chief Inspector C. Willcox, formerly of the Water Police, has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Police and Officer-in-Command of Sharnbrook Police Station, replacing Mr. Charles Mottram, ASP, who has been transferred to

**Tel. 84111**



# GAOL DOCTOR'S TRIAL

## Dr. Talbot Gives Evidence Against Japanese

### Sir Vandeleur Grayburn's Case

Dr. Harry Talbot testified at No. 7 War Crimes Court yesterday that he definitely knew Sir Vandeleur Grayburn received no medical attention from the Japanese prison doctor at Stanley Gaol in his last illness despite the fact the doctor was approached four times by an Indian warder with a request that he attend on Sir Vandeleur.

A request from the Indian warder that Dr. Talbot be permitted to attend Sir Vandeleur was also turned down. Finally, the warder brought him to see Sir Vandeleur in spite of permission being withheld.

He saw Sir Vandeleur twice. He advised the warder, Kader Bux, to obtain sulfanilamide tablets. This Kader Bux managed to smuggle in but it was already too late as Sir Vandeleur was in an advanced stage of septicaemia.

cause they knew at the hospital they would be placed on half diet.

"I saw Sir Vandeleur Grayburn the day after I arrived at Stanley Gaol. He remained at the gaol until he died in the hospital. I believe he died of septicaemia. I saw him daily until the time he was admitted to hospital. I think he was admitted there about three times, once, I think, with dysentery, and twice with severe boils.

"He was never given anything but a little ointment and when he came out of hospital he complained of lack of medical attention. He never told me of having been seen by any doctor. I know definitely he was not seen by any doctor during his last illness when he died.

#### Refused Attention

"The No. 1 Indian Orderly told me he had applied for the doctor to come and see him but had been refused four times. He then applied for permission for me to see him. The doctor refused to see him; the Head Orderly took me to see him twice. This had to be done while there were no Japanese around and I had to be ushered around corners.

"The first time I saw him he was suffering from high fever. Though he responded to questions he was slightly delirious. I advised the medical orderly to get some sulfanilamide tablets. Kader Bux smuggled the tablets in.

"When I saw him again the next day he was comatose. He was too far gone for anything to be done. He had been admitted to hospital suffering from boils when he was already getting worse. Because of insufficient dressings he got into the hospital and he was not washed out himself. My own carbuncle was not dressed and I had to get Morrison to squeeze the stuff out of it. In my opinion he would not have had septicaemia if he did not have to squeeze the boil out himself. If he had the sulfonamide drugs administered early enough he would have been cured.

"I saw Edmundson within a few days of being admitted to the hospital. He was suffering from an enormous carbuncle occupying the whole of the back of his neck. I used to dress it for him daily. I don't know how long he remained at the hospital after I left. By that time there was a very open wound at the back of his neck that would have taken two months to heal. During the time I was in hospital he received no attention from the Japanese medical officer. Continual sepsis must have contributed to his death."

The next witness was Mr. C. F. Miles, Chief Steward of the Hong Kong Government Medical Department, who said that he arrived in Hong Kong in November, 1945, to take charge of all medical stores found in the Colony by the British Military Administration after the Japanese surrender.

On his arrival he took over two large stores which had been received in November. One, situated on the sixth floor of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building and occupying the whole of the floor, consisted of nine rooms completely packed with drugs. There was another large store of drugs at the Government Stores godown, North Point.

The drugs were of various origin, many of them obviously British, American and Chinese drugs that had been here since the occupation of the Colony by the Japanese. Some bore markings which showed they had come from various establishments in the Colony. In addition there was a large amount of Japanese drugs, surgical instruments and

dressings, which was handed over to the Chinese Military. As the Colony had to depend upon this supply of drugs (very small quantities were shipped in over the first few months of the Military Administration and these proved sufficient to last to the end of January, 1946) the drug situation he considered was pretty good with the exception of a few special items such as penicillin.

#### Thirty Died

The next witness, Chan Wah-chi, said that she had been sentenced by the Japanese to 15 years' imprisonment on Oct. 19, 1943. She was a qualified nurse and worked at the hospital in the prison hospital, where there were also four male nurses. She knew because of the medical officer in charge and saw him when he visited the hospital about once a month—sometimes once in two months.

What occurred usually did on his visits to the hospital was to walk around followed by an Indian warder. He would look at the card or plate at each bed and listen to explanations from the warder. He very seldom examined any of the patients. He would examine two or three of the 20 or 30 patients. Medicines were sometimes given the patients.

She remained at the hospital until mid-September, 1944, when she was transferred to the female block and other work. During the period she worked as a nurse some 30 patients died. They were mostly Chinese, some Indians, and, she thought, one or two Europeans.

The final witness heard yesterday was Cheung Szee-man, who said that he was arrested by the Japanese and brought to Stanley Gaol about July, 1944. He was released when the Japanese surrendered. Most of this period he had been assigned to duties as a male nurse at the hospital. He only remembered seeing accused on three occasions. He had helped carry out some 50 or 60 patients who died. Cause of death, he thought, was largely a diarrhoea and beriberi.

Hearing of the case continues this morning.

#### UPRISING QUELLED

Paris, Apr. 2.

The uprising of natives in the French island colony of Madagascar off the East African coast has been quelled, at least temporarily, and order reigns throughout most of the island today, the latest official reports received by the French Ministry of Colonies said.

—Reuter.

#### EQUINE SPORTS CLUB

A General Meeting will be held at the Sports Club (by courtesy) on Wednesday, April 9, 1947, at 5.45 p.m. to discuss plans to reactivate the Club's functions. All members are urged to attend.

D. M. Hykes  
Honorary Secretary

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## The Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China

### BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Capital, Stock, Authorised and Issued	3,000,000 0 0	Cash in Hand and at Bankers	10,728,243 6 0
(There is under the Charter a reserve liability of the Stockholders equal to the amount of Stock Issued.)		Government and Other Securities	56,135,000 0 8
Reserve Fund	3,000,000 0 0	Hongkong Government Certificates of Indebtedness for Surrendered Coin and Cash Lodged against Note Issue	21,600,200 18 0
Notes in Circulation	2,432,748 5 7	Securities Lodged against Note Issue	918,549 7 0
Current and Other Accounts, including provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts and Contingencies and Exchange Adjustments	60,035,721 15 10	Advances to Customers and Other Accounts	20,560,760 18 0
Fixed Deposits	7,644,020 1 3	Liability of Customers for Acceptances, including Undertakings to accept, post Contra Bank Premises and Furniture at the Head Office and Branches	2,961,311 18 5
Bills Payable	1,721,540 10 7	Balance of Remittances, Drafts, etc., in Transit between Head Office, Branches and Agencies	1,785,010 7 3
Acceptances, including Undertakings to accept, on Account of Customers	2,961,311 18 5		
Loans Payable	675,000 0 0		
Profit and Loss Account	704,518 5 4		
	£118,174,870 5 0		£118,174,870 5 0

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#### OFFICIAL NOTICE

##### Proposal to Change a Ship's Name

I, Stuart Taylor Williamson of Hong Kong hereby give notice that being desirous of co-ordinating nomenclature I have applied to the Minister of Transport under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of my ship "EMPIRE GAZELLE" of Hong Kong Official Number 168209 of Gross tonnage 4828 tons Register tonnage 2959, heretofore owned by me for permission to change her name to "INCHMAY" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by me.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong this 1st day of April, 1947.

(Sd.) S. T. WILLIAMSON

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#### HARBOUR DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders, in triplicate, for the purchase of the following unserviceable craft will be received at the office of the Chairman of the Tender Board, Public Works Department, until Noon on Friday, 18th April, 1947. The tender should be clearly marked "Tender for the purchase of unserviceable craft".

The craft are to be sold as they lie and may be seen on application to the Superintendent Engineer, Government Slipway, Yau Ma Tei.

(a) Police Launch No. 8 (Steam).  
Length 60' 0"  
Breadth 12' 0"  
Depth 7' 0"

(b) Immigrant Launch No. 1 (Steam).  
Length 58' 0"  
Breadth 12' 7"  
Depth 6' 5"

Details of the specifications and present condition are available on application to the Superintendent Engineer, Government Slipway, Yau Ma Tei.

Tenders must be deposited at the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$500 (Five Hundred Dollars) for each tender submitted. This sum will be forfeited to the Hong Kong Government if the successful tenderer fails to complete the transaction. The deposit will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

The successful tenderer will be required to pay the purchase money to the Treasury within 48 hours of being advised of the acceptance of their tender.

Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

J. JOLLY,  
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,  
Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1947.

#### HARBOUR DEPARTMENT

##### NOTICE

##### Salvage of Junk No. 92IV.

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate which should be clearly marked "Tender for the Salvage of Junk No. 92IV", will be received at the Harbour Office until Noon on Wednesday the 16th April, 1947.

The junk is loaded with sand and lies inside the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter approximately 150 feet from the Southern Entrance. The Masts are visible above water.

The work to be completed within 14 days of acceptance of the tender.

Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. JOLLY,  
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,  
Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1947.

#### POLICE NOTICE

Applications from suitable candidates to fill a limited number of vacancies in the local Inspectorate of the Hong Kong Police Force are called for. Intending candidates should possess the following qualifications:

They must be of robust physique. An aptitude for games will be considered an advantage.

Age — Not over 25.  
Minimum Height — 5' 6"  
Minimum Weight — 180 pounds.  
Minimum (unexpanded) chest — 32"

Good eyesight without glasses.

They must have passed the matriculation examination or have reached an equivalent standard of education.

They should be able to speak both English and Chinese fluently and a knowledge of other languages or dialects will be considered an advantage.

Applicants should apply with references of good character in person, to the Chief Inspector, Police Headquarters, Oriental Building, Connaught Road, Central as soon as possible.

(Sd.) D. W. MACINTOSH,  
Commissioner of Police.

Hong Kong, 27th March, 1947.

#### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

The Dividend for the year ending 31st December, 1946, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling at exchange 1/227/38 is payable on and after the 28th March, 1947, at the Office of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

A. MORSE,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 28th March, 1947.

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#### TO LET

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#### NOTICE

##### FOR SALE

As she lies at Buoy W1, Wanchai, steel diesel engine launch "HAIKEE" Length 109 feet, Breadth 12 feet, Draft 5 feet. For further particulars apply Office of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Marina House, Hong Kong.

Sealed tenders together with deposit of H.K. \$1000.00 each for the vessel will be received up to noon on 8th April 1947.

Kowloon Customs Office.  
Marina House,  
Hong Kong, 28th March 1947.

#### THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

##### Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Undersigned on Thursday, 24th April, 1947, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th April to the 24th April, 1947 both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,  
THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Hong Kong, 3rd April, 1947.

##### Notice to Consignees

M.V. "CALCHAS"

Damaged cargo ex the above vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between the hours 10 a.m. to 12 noon on 2nd and 3rd April 1947 and consignees' representatives are requested to be present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE Agents.

HONG KONG, 1st April, 1947.

#### NOTICE

##### EASTER HOLIDAYS

We beg to inform our patrons that during the above holidays our business hours will be as follows:—

FRIDAY, 4th April — Main Store closed. Annex — For Cakes and Bread Open from 8.30 a.m. to noon.

Cafe Wiseman Open from 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 5th April — All Departments Open from 9.00 to noon.

Cafe Wiseman open as usual.

MONDAY, 7th April — Same as for Friday, 4th April.

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#### POST OFFICE NOTICES

##### Outward Mails

##### EASTER HOLIDAYS

On Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and Monday 4th April 1947 the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be open only on Saturday 3rd and Monday 4th April from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

There will be no delivery of Ordinary and Registered correspondence at 10 a.m. and no collection from the Philatelic Club during the holidays.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below:—

##### THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Manila 10 a.m.  
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## INCOME TAX DECISIONS

Two things emerge clearly from the official announcement on Income Tax made last evening. Government still intends to proceed with the Inland Revenue Bill despite the critics and despite the view of the augmented Taxation Committee that it should be postponed for twelve months. Government has compromised to an important extent and it is now a reasonable assumption that the standard rate will not be in excess of ten per cent.

In addition, the Bill is to be submitted to detailed examination by yet another committee with a view to the removal of any provisions which might inflict special hardship on any section of the community—a term of reference which can be as wide or as narrow as the committee, in its judgment, chooses to decide—and to the removal of anomalies or conflicts between various provisions of the draft Bill. These decisions are such as may well justify a re-assessment of the present public attitude to the plan for direct taxation, especially in the light of the submission by a nine-man committee which includes but one Government official, even though he may be the potential taxgather-in-chief. The feeling that the time is inappropriate will not, however, readily succumb either to the sharp cut in the standard rate or to the invitation to eight of the Colony's business and professional men to improve upon the structure of the proposed Ordinance and render it more acceptable. Postponement for a year, regarding that just ended as a year of struggle and rehabilitation, an abnormal year not appropriately to be taxed upon retrospectively, will still appear to a goodly majority as the soundest and most practical of policies. Salaries already spent and business profits set off against severe war losses and necessarily channeled back into the business, appeal to few as suitable and justifiable sources of surprise taxation. The lower level of the standard rate, as now proposed, comes merely as a mitigating factor. Much will, of course, finally depend upon the findings and recommendations of the committee headed by the Hon. Mr. A. Morse. Mr. Morse's views on direct taxation were clearly expressed at the recent meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, but while he refused to subscribe to the clamour against Income Tax, he made one important reservation—that persons on the lower scales of salaries should not have their standard of living reduced. Since Government is determined to push the Inland Revenue Bill through, therefore, Mr. Morse is perhaps the happiest choice of chairman of the new committee. The assurance is provided that while the main issue must be regarded as settled, slight will not be lost of the possible consequences to the Little Man. If his interests are safeguarded, we may accept Ten Per Cent as the maximum, we may perhaps come round eventually to the point of congratulations to Government upon a wise decision, upon concessions not only to sound reason, but to the pressure of public opinion.

## MANILA FIRE

Manila, April 2. A fire of unknown origin swept a Philippine Government salvage depot at Graco Park near Manila and raged for more than five hours, while the Fire Department was helpless due to lack of water hydrants. The fire paralleled another disastrous blaze which burned large supplies at Makati on March 18 shortly after the property changed hands. Associated Press.

## CHIANG IN SHAI

Shanghai, April 2. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek arrived this afternoon from Nanjing aboard his private plane on his way to his native home at Chikow, Chekiang, where he will visit his mother's grave. Among those welcoming him at the airport was ex-Premier T. V. Soong. Reuters.

## WESTMINSTER REVIEW

# A Touch Of Anti-Climax On Economics

Although most people nowadays are realising how much control England's government has by international conditions there was intended interest in this week's Commons' change-over from foreign affairs which have dominated debates recently to concentration on "home affairs." Primary cause of this switch, however, was the Churchillian vote of censure which he hitched up to the debate on the White Paper on Britain's economic position. Once more we were warned beforehand that this would be a minor attack on the Labour Cabinet. There were instructions that rebels within the Labour Party were this time going to give Mr. Attlee a first class headache and solemn stories were circulated about three line Whips being issued. General suggestion was the Labour Cabinet was about to face its most grueling test since it took office. A three days' debate was arranged and there were whippers that "anytime might happen." The actual proceedings had a touch of anticlimax about them.

You will have already read voluminous reports of the debate published in the Press and though they made excellent reading matter the average citizen finished up echoing the words of Mr. Clement Davies, Liberal MP: "Where do we go from here?"

## Realistic Gravity

When Cripps opened amid an atmosphere of realistic gravity we felt that this debate was going to go somewhere. Almost every MP had a copy of the White Paper Economic Survey for 1947 on his knees and they were so busily juggling down notes as he spoke that he was only interrupted twice in his two hours' oration.

Everybody waited breathlessly for him to reveal whatever plan the Government had for pulling us through our admitted serious situation. Shorn of such minor details as the likelihood of coal rationing for domestic use, the plan for the strengthening of inter-Government planning staffs who would be co-ordinated under a sort of super-planner in chief, Labour MPs had already been told behind the scenes about this planning idea and certain members of the Cabinet had pressed that this industrial and economic high command should be vested in the Cabinet itself.

But Mr. Attlee would not have this as he felt it might diminish the individual sense of responsibility of the rank and file. This uneasy feeling in the Labour ranks that the new plan was not quite good enough was probably behind the small storm which broke out when it was realised that a only fraction of the hundred and twenty members of all Parties who had indicated a desire to speak would possibly be heard within the limits of a three-day debate. They gnashed their teeth in vain.

## Stolen Thunder

Big guns on the Treasury find Opposition benches stole most of the oracular thunder and disgruntled backbenchers went off at the end of the day depressed with the feeling that the speeches had been political rather than constructive. Nobody on the Treasury bench added anything very solid to Sir Stafford Cripps' broad outline. Possibly they thought it enough to be going on with. But above the din of the second day, deterioration set in. Mr. Alexander began his coat of protestation trilling of his coat with allegations against Conservative inaction when they held power which set a tone of a "You say, we say" bandying of words which disfigured several subsequent speeches from both sides of the House. Mr. Churchill continued this theme in a speech which was characteristically brilliant in phrasing, but offered nothing else one could get one's teeth into.

And thus the most important Parliamentary discussion of modern times ground its way along with plenty of clever cackle but precious little in the way of productive ideas. It was a grand debate rather than a battle. National leaders and the final fact that Mr. Churchill's vote of censure was heavily defeated in division lobbies and Government's own motion patting itself on the back went through successfully seemed afterwards to have no significance whatever. Parliament has in effect said to the nation there is no other road to recovery from the cumulative effects of two disastrous years than for everyone to work harder than ever before. Among the slight issues of the debate was a hint of disagreement within the Labour Party on the question of the size of the defence forces.

Many MPs contend the Army in particular should be drastically reduced so as to free manpower for other industries but Mr. Alexander, emphatically declined to budge from establishments already fixed up to March 1949. But those who imagined rebel Labour members would embarrass their own Government were doomed to disappointment. In sleep rumours were revived that

Conservative backbenchers and some front benchers want the active leadership of the Opposition to be taken out of Mr. Churchill's hands though they still want to retain his powers of massive oratory and political phrase inventiveness. One of his plums this week was to refer to the size of the Civil Service adding:

## Lighter Moments

"The Socialist ideal is to reduce us to one vast Wormwood Scrubbery but," he went on, "I do not wish to exaggerate because at Wormwood Scrubs there is only one official to every four prisoners. Whereas up to now we have the advantage of only one official to look after every eight wage earners or producers."

Two or three other lighter moments illumined an otherwise sombre debate. The best of these was Mr. Clement Davies' comment that the song in the heart of the Chancellor of the Exchequer might turn out to be wind on the national stomach. But though the level of most speeches was high, the time was past for realistic word spinning and that our sick economic condition cannot be cured even by the most brilliant oratory.

Nevertheless, the Commons as a whole refused to accept the gloomy foreboding of Oliver Symonds, one of Cripps' predecessors at the Board of Trade, that "national bankruptcy is not far away." They preferred Cripps' own summing up, "Any one who looks at a realistic picture of the things set forth in the Economic Survey, as portraying disaster or forecasting catastrophe must completely misunderstand the temperance of the British people. It is a challenge to achievement by the people and it is not a record of their failure." There was said in the first few hours of the debate and nothing said afterwards during the three days lessened the import of Cripps' message.

## Diagnosis

As the members filed through the lobbies for the eventual divisions they seemed to imply that debate as a National Inquiry was forgetting that it cannot have an inquest without a dead body and Britain is anything but a corpse. Truly she is sick but plenty of doctors are in attendance and they now have the disease fairly reliably diagnosed.

Purpose of the new planning arrangements now proposed will be to decide the best remedial treatment. Points about the size of the British Army came up again on the discussion of the Army Estimates when it became apparent that a section of Labour members was still uneasy. Mr. Callaghan (Labour MP), whose remarks during the Economic debate were generally believed to have been the cause of Mr. Alexander's unusual loss of

temper which precipitated the only unruly scene in that decorous discussion, supported Mr. Wynt's allegations of waste of manpower in the forces but amendments were withdrawn without being forced to a division. The average soldier's chief interest in the debate will probably be in those new buttons that will not need polishing. Behind the scenes, fairly warm argument is developing over the size of the armed forces and may come to a head when Liberals propose the rejection of the National Service Bill on the ground that manpower is essential for maximum production effort at home.

## Where We Came In

All this of course will bring us back again into the field of foreign affairs. Thus it is a case of "This is where we came in" as we say at the cinema. The Commons is beginning to grasp the fundamental fact that increased comforts at home can only come from increased harmony abroad so that the result of the discussions now going on in Moscow must be eagerly awaited and observed before we can do anything really effective at Westminster.

# Communist Leader's Grim Story Of Il Duce's Death

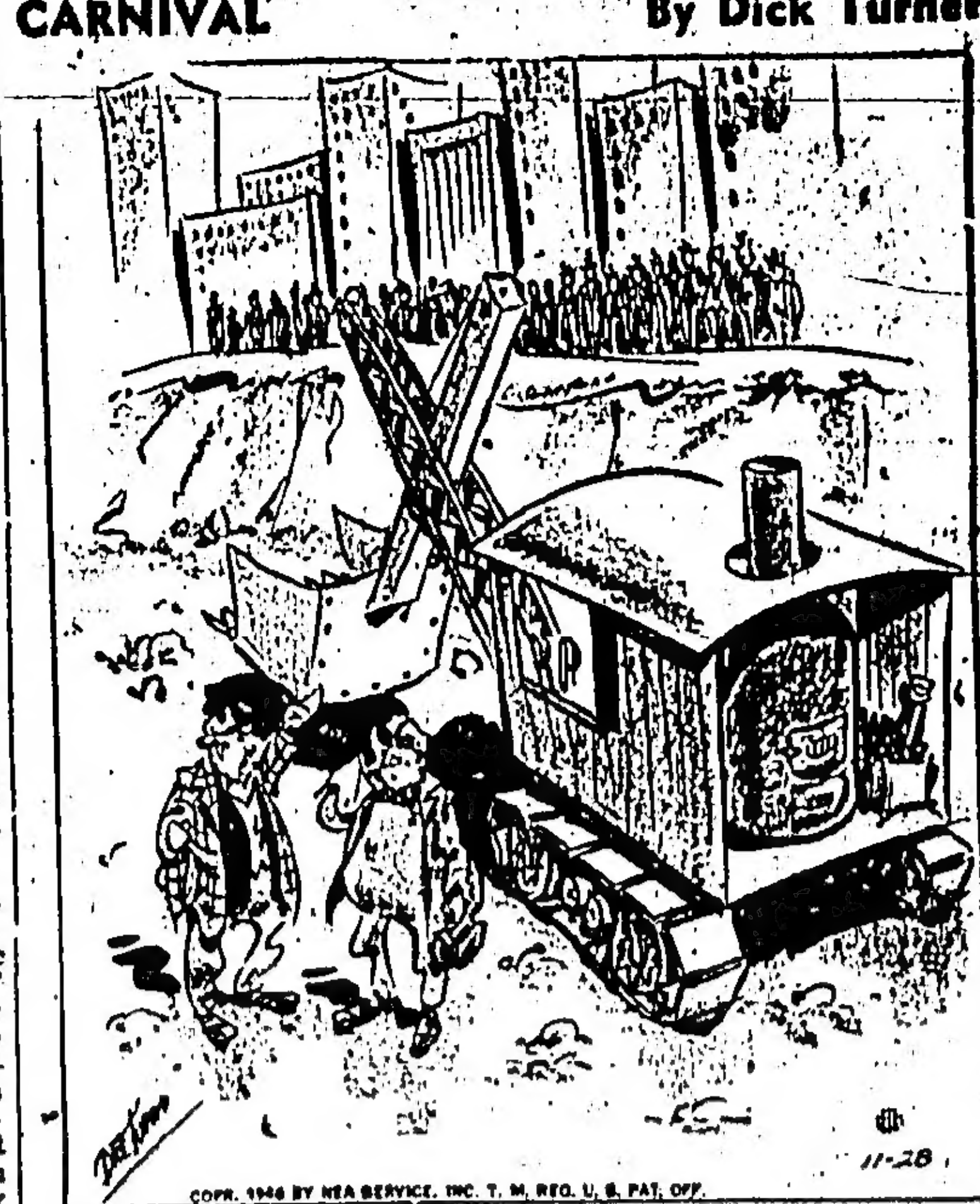
Rome, Mar. 30. Walter Audisio, handsome, mustached 37-year-old Communist partisan who executed Mussolini, told a wildly cheering crowd of between 15,000 and 20,000 Romans today that the Fascist dictator "trembled before death and died vilely."

Audisio, mystery partisan known until recently only as Colonel Valerio, described the last moments of Mussolini at a significant open air political rally in Massenzio Basilica, the massive arched ruins of a former pagan temple which overlooks the Roman Forum.

It was Audisio's first public appearance since the Communists revealed his identity two weeks ago. His hour and 40 minutes address was a careful synthesis of the Communist Party line on Mussolini's death, the missing Mussolini treasure, the dangers of neo-Fascism and Anglo-American imperialism.

But it also proved that a former bank clerk who turned Communist hero and who appeared in a blue baret and yellow overcoat was an excellent orator with a sense of humour. It also disclosed:

1. The Communists believe Mr. Winston Churchill stole his



"Where is your professional spirit, O'Dowd? You can't let a little cold get you down—the show must go on!"

## Heavy Guard

Audisio spoke from a raised platform bearing two Communist and four Italian flags and was guarded by hundreds of uniformed Italian civil police as well as a few jeeps of Anglo-American military police plus hundreds of Communist plainclothesmen.

Communists fear for his life at the hands of political enemies or residual Fascist fanatics and the belief his life is "not worth a soldo" has become the theme of restaurant jokes and serious discussion in every police station and political headquarters.

Finally coming to the actual execution of Mussolini which he carried out on April 28, 1946, near the village of Dongo and which the crowd had come to hear, Audisio related:

"On how Mussolini behaved I tell you without fear of any denial I had the impression of shooting not men but beings inferior to men. When a man is feeling death he must know how to acquire the minimum of human dignity but instead Mussolini trembled before death. He did not recall his dear ones, neither his wife nor his children. He did not utter anything of spiritual value. And when he passed today try to recall his memory I say he died more vilely than the other Fascist chiefs shot at Dongo."

## Firearms Fail

On the actual execution in which Mussolini and his mistress were hanged before a brick wall by his machinegun, Audisio mentioned only he had been charged with seeing "firearms functioned although they did not function at all."

Audisio told his listeners they could read other details of the execution in the newspapers—the Communist newspaper "Unita" has copyrighted his story in Italy and for sale abroad—but his references to the non-functioning of the firearms has been told by others.

The first machinegun failed to fire. The revolver also failed and the Duce was killed by five shots from the second machinegun which then turned on Petacci. Because romantic Italians criticised Petacci's execution, Audisio did not once utter her name.

Because the execution has become a political football between the Communists and the Rightists, Audisio was mostly on the defensive.

Another point has been raised against me, that I did not give Mussolini time to confess himself. "I must ask if at that moment I was to worry even for his soul. If this great man had asked for a priest I would not have objected. On our way to the place of execution we passed a small church and if he wanted it would have been easy to ask a priest to come out or to have gone inside and made his confession. The truth is he was so scared he did not think of that. This is a political machinegun, not a political machinegun."

## Too Fressed

Audisio explained he did tell Fr. Adolfo, the Dongo priest, he was too pressed for time to allow the priest to administer the Last Sacraments to the 16 Fascist traitors executed separately from Mussolini and Petacci at Dongo. But he said he told the priest he would administer to them all together.

Which was done in these words by Fr. Adolfo: "In this supreme moment I turn my mind to God to ask his mercy for the sins and crimes of which you are guilty. His mercy is infinite."

Audisio said the bodies of Mussolini, Petacci and the others were taken to Piazza Loreto in Milan where they were mauled and spat on by a crowd before being hanged by their heels. They were hung by their heels because there was a moral significance in exposing them in Piazza Loreto where 14 of our martyrs had been slain.

In an effort to counter-act the growing sentiment against the execution and desecration of the bodies, Audisio said "There is now speculation on the so-called massacre of Dongo, and the ugly affair of Piazza Loreto. I want to tell you something quite new which I called the 'National Liberation Committee of Northern Italy' which ordered the execution of the traitors."

"At first the Committee was afraid the execution would hurt the Allies. But Colonel Petacci, then the civil commander for the north, arrived in Milan on the morning of April 28. He went directly to Piazza Loreto and expressed himself as 'Okay, Okay, Italians are good Italians.'"

"Okay." At that moment a group of young Communists brought around Achille Starace (former Fascist Party secretary). He was shot right under the eyes of Petacci who again said "Okay. Italians. Justice is done." This was also the impression Petacci passed on to the Liberation Committee.

Audisio, who was very specific on his written orders from the Liberation Committee to execute Mussolini and the others, said he had no orders on the treason which the last Fascist column reportedly was carrying.

The anti-Communist opposition now charges Audisio's 52nd Communist Partisan Brigade seized the treasure including 20,000,000,000 lire in gold for the Communist Party.

After repeating the Communist explanation that most of the treasure was disposed among the local population, where the Fascist column remained for six hours on the road before Dongo, Audisio said: "What I know is the so-called treasure included a leather bag which is Mussolini's and which contained letters between Hitler and Mussolini, documents on the Verona trial (before which Petacci's son-in-law and Foreign Minister, Galeazzo Ciano, was condemned before his execution by shooting)."

This bag also contained correspondence with the man with a cigar, Mr. Winston Churchill, who wrote to Mussolini by beginning "Dear Mussolini—United Press."

## Gibraltar Garrison

London, Apr. 1. Asked in the House of Commons today whether steps were being taken to reduce the size of the garrison in Gibraltar, Mr. Llewellyn, the War Minister, replied to Mr. Swinger (Labour, Stafford): "No. The garrison has already been reduced to the minimum which is considered necessary."

Mr. Swinger asked if Mr. Llewellyn was aware that it had been alleged that Gibraltar is so overcrowded with troops that there is no room to train them and would be categorically deny the allegation.

Mr. Llewellyn: "No, sir. Do you think I should be held responsible for any statement alleged or authorised in the newspapers? The garrison has been reduced to a minimum and if that conflicts with the newspaper's statement I am sorry for the newspaper."—Reuters.

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## "FIFTH COLUMN" IN U.S.A.

Washington, Apr. 1. The House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities today accused the Communist Party of being the "fifth column" within our midst and demanded that it be prosecuted for failure to register as an agent of a foreign power.

Mr. J. Parnell Thomas, Chairman of the Committee, asked the Attorney General to take proceedings against the Party and its officials under the alien registration laws.—Reuter.

## Winchester College Damaged

Winchester, Apr. 1. Fire damaged the centre block at Winchester College—which includes the common rooms and masters' and prefects' studies—early today before the school broke up for Easter.

Brigades from Eastleigh and Southampton were called to help the Winchester firemen.

Mr. W.F. Makershott, the headmaster, said: "We are lucky that none of the ancient buildings was affected."

It was four hours before the fire was brought under control. Later boys leaving for home dumped their luggage and dashed into the buildings to find souvenirs.—Reuter.

## U.S. Challenge To Soviet Russia

Moscow, Apr. 1. The United States today challenged Soviet Russia to begin making concessions on Germany or to postpone indefinitely negotiation on the German peace treaty.

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov will have an opportunity to reveal an answer late today when the Ministers for the first time here meet in a small informal session, accompanied only by two advisers and one interpreter each.

It will be recalled last November, after 14 months of fruitless negotiation on the Italian and satellite treaties, the former U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Byrnes, proposed adjournment with an announcement of failure, whereupon the next day the Soviets began compromising.

A significant reaction to Gen. Marshall's speech was the failure of Moscow papers to mention either it or Mr. Molotov's reply. Instead, they carried one paragraph.

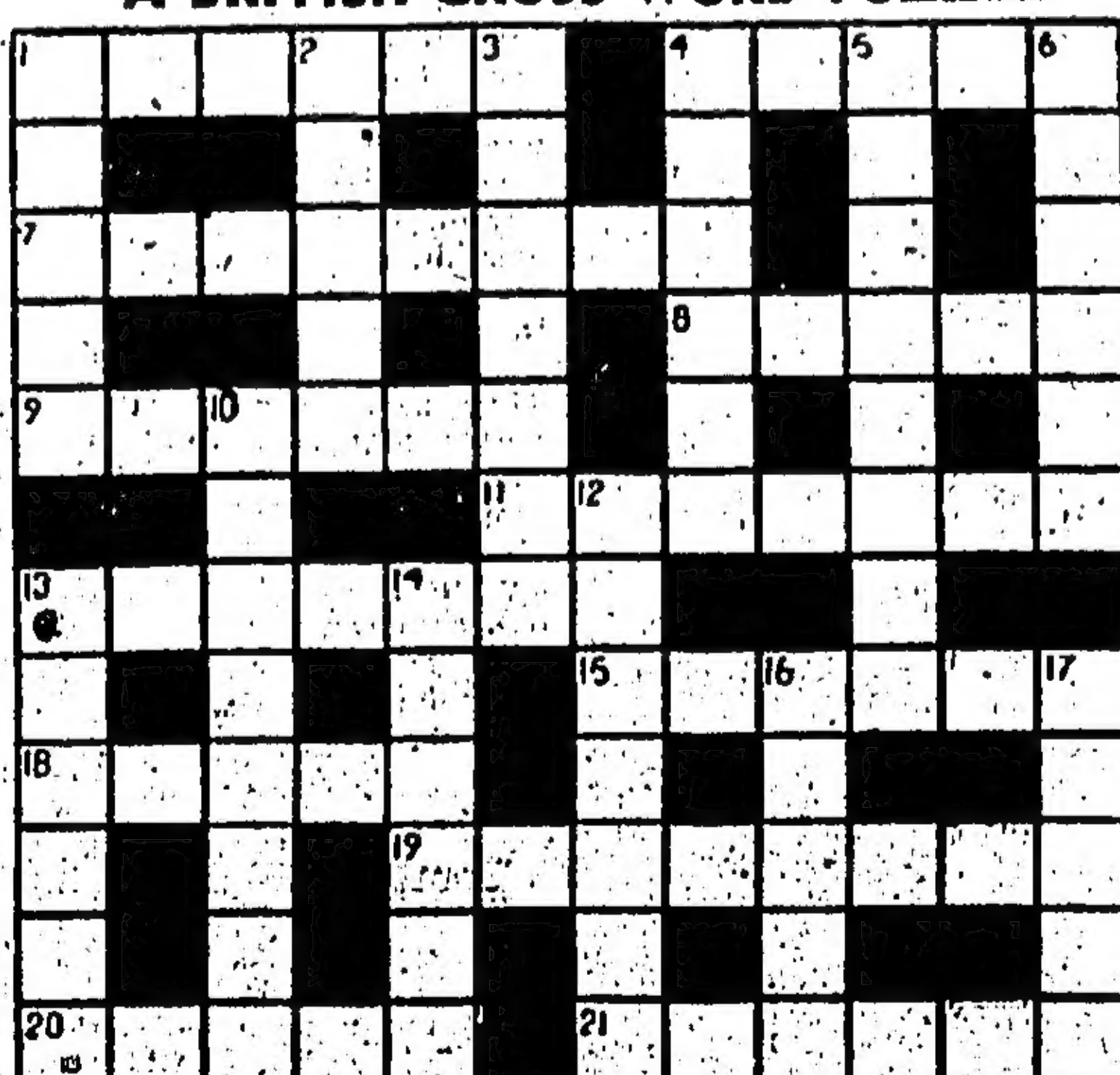
Observers considered significant that Mr. John Foster

Dulles—Gen. Marshall's Republican adviser, who has been the particular target of Soviet press attacks—at his own request is not attending today's informal conference. It was interpreted as part of an all-out effort to eliminate any possible stumbling blocks to Soviet concessions, if they are willing to make any.

Gen. Marshall meanwhile announced that his advisers at the conference will be Ambassador Bedell-Smith and State Department counsellor Ben Cohen.—United Press.

Ikyrenia, Cyprus, Apr. 1. The British ferry boats, "Ocean Viceroy" and "Empire Rival," which arrived at Famagusta today from Haifa, disembarked without incident 1,574 Jewish immigrants, who were sent to Caracul.—Reuter.

## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



### Clues Across

1. Badger dog.
4. Beverage.
7. Canned con.
8. Audible.
9. Narrow band.
11. Merciful.
13. Pinnacle.
15. Soap.
16. Brighten.
19. Dangling.
20. Rust.
21. Young boy.

### Clues Down

2. Metal.
3. Glove and.
5. Flickering light.
6. Cowardly.
10. Road-making material.
12. Designation.
14. Everlasting.
17. Rough-and-tumble.
18. Payment for miles.
22. Fearful.

### Yesterday's Crossword

- ACROSS: 1. Imps; 4. Panch; 6. Coat; 9. Ship; 10. Stop; 11. Ash; 12. Help; 14. Stratos; 17. Acres; 18. Waste; 20. Smolder; 23. Show; 27. Nuts; 28. Effects; 29. Ugly; 30. Atom; 31. Anomaly; 32. Eddy.

- DOWN: 2. Mother; 3. Scrape; 4. Pasta; 5. Attire; 6. Copra; 7. Khaki; 13. Harm; 15. Load; 16. Team; 19. Chew; 25. Renth; 26. Assume; 31. Told; 32. Faint; 33. Dream; 34. Rusty.

Lisbon, Apr. 1. Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, Premier, in a statement issued on the installation of the new executive committee of the official party, "Uniao Nacional," affirmed that Portugal was ruled by a constitutional government. He denied charges of dictatorship.

He said that the country's constitution was affirmed by the people through a plebiscite; the head of the state was elected by direct vote, an assembly handled the legislative function; and the judicial part of the Government was independent and not appointed by the president, as in American republics.

Dr. Salazar criticized foreign press comment and speculation on an impending change in the Lisbon government.

"We do not intend to leave the government," he said. "On the contrary, we intend to remain."

He said any country needs a strong government to rebuild its economic life and its material existence. He pointed out that too great emphasis on political parties had weakened many states, particularly in Latin America.

"After 20 years of the new doctrine and our example of a National State, existing for the benefit of all Portuguese," he said, "we see persisting the same mental attitudes among the Opposition, the same party feeling. The Opposition has changed nothing and wants to bring back the old life."

## Churchill Stole The Show

London, April 1. Mr. Churchill, repeatedly called Britain's No. 1 Communist baiter by Radio Moscow, stole the show from Prime Minister Attlee at the Soviet Embassy reception for the Russian delegation visiting England tonight.

While Attlee drank half a dozen toasts in the war-time Premier insisted on real vodka and clinked his glass time and time again, saying in Russian "Za vashe zdorovie" (your health). He said Stalin taught it to him.

The Russians crowded up to shake his hand.

Attlee, who wore a red flower in his buttonhole, left just as Churchill arrived.—United Press.

London, Apr. 2. Radio Moscow said an expedition set out today to explore the southern part of Novaya Zemlya island which lies several hundred miles off the Russian coast in the Arctic Ocean. The rest of the island has already been explored, the broadcast said. The island is mountainous and contains huge glaciers.—United Press.

## GBS Comments On Divorce Decision

London, Apr. 1. Mr. Frederick Raymond Weatherley said today that he guessed he had better see his lawyer before he talked about further moves to free himself of his wife, who had renounced all but the social ties of their marital life.

Yesterday the House of Lords ruled that Weatherley had no grounds for divorce for desertion because Mrs. Weatherley was "finished" with normal married relations.

"I'll venture such a decision would shake your people over there in Reno," Weatherley said to American correspondents.

George Bernard Shaw, contacted by the United Press, said he thoroughly agreed with the opinion of dissenting Lord Justice Scott, who was the dissenting voice in the House of Lords decision.

Lady Astor said both parties had pledged to wed for "better or worse."

"I don't want to get into a controversy over this particular case, but it is better not to marry if you are not sure," she said she still felt that "if humanly possible, it is better not to permit divorce."—United Press.

Mr. Shaw, in a statement through his secretary, said: "I agreed with the opinion of the dissenting Justice. Judgment was given in view of future legislation, which will upset it and should upset it."

The ardent anti-divorce advocate, Lady Astor, told the United Press from her country home that she had not studied the Weatherley decision, yet felt "as a good Christian, I feel very strongly that you must keep to the law, no matter how hard the law is to keep." She said, however, "I

## PALESTINE PROBLEM

Lake Success, N.Y., Apr. 1. The Soviet Union today approved the British proposal to hand the Palestine problem to a special General Assembly of the United Nations.

M. Gromyko, the Soviet representative on the United Nations Secretariat, he had "no objections" from France and China.—Reuter.

## Don Juan Rebuffs Franco

Lisbon, Apr. 1. The official spokesman for Don Juan told Reuter today: "Don Juan was not consulted by General Franco on the new succession act by which the Caudillo has proclaimed himself the head of the Spanish monarchy."

"Don Juan cannot recognise a law which is devoid of two essential requirements: Sanction of the Spanish people and his own consent as the legitimate claimant to the Spanish crown."—Reuter.

## France Cheered

Madrid, Apr. 1. Large crowds massed in front of the former Royal Palace here today cheering General Franco, accompanied by the Cabinet who came out on the balcony three times.

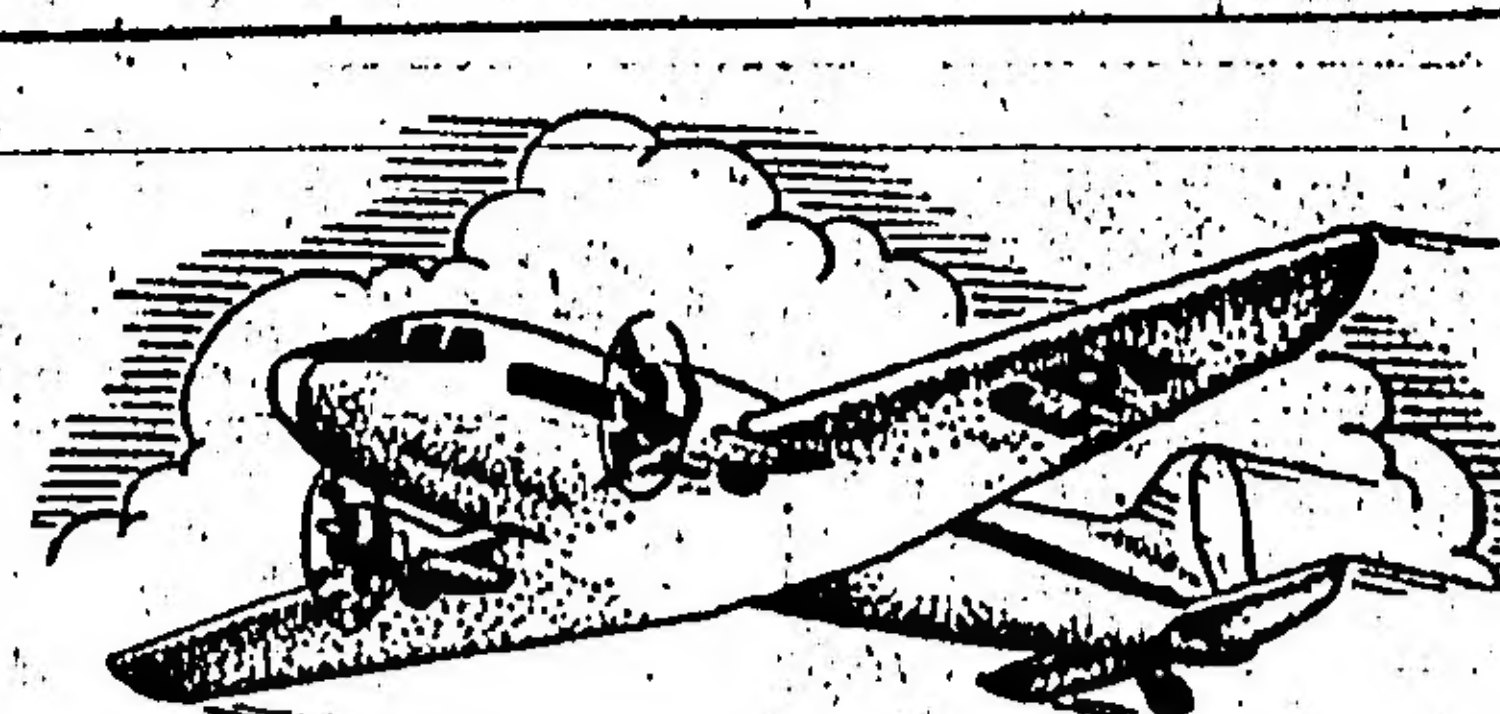
On his last appearance General Franco told the crowd: "Thanks for your enthusiasm. Confidence and firmness in Spain make her unshakable."

The crowd had gathered after General Franco had stood to attention for two hours taking the salute as representative units of the Spanish armed forces marched past in the ninth annual victory parade commemorating the end of the Spanish civil war.

The parade included mechanised units and tanks, mostly relics of the civil war. The troops included a section of paratroopers, for the first time in these parades.—Reuter.

## An Appeal

Amsterdam, Apr. 1. An appeal for the lives of nine Spanish girls and boys under 18 sentenced to death at Madrid for "anti-Franco activities" has been sent to the Netherlands Foreign Minister by the Dutch Committee for Abolishing the Death Penalty.—Reuter.

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# CRASH SURVIVORS' FIVE HAIR-RAISING DAYS

Sydney, Apr. 1. Four men who survived a Dutch "Dakota" crash landing in Australia's most remote wilderness reached safety after five hair-raising days of adventure, during which they killed and ate a pet dog and machine-gunned a rampaging crocodile.

The four men, Captain van Nifterik, Radio Operator van Rhoon and two passengers named Houniet and Barnard, were weak from lack of food, footsore and weary from their ordeal.

They started from the site where the "Dakota" made a belly landing in a dense forest and covered nearly 100 miles down the rapid Katherine River. When they started, they had 40 oranges and two cans of condensed milk.

The plane carried seven people, three of whom were left with the wreckage. No one was injured in the landing.

Two rafts were built to float the party and their gear down the Katherine. On the first day one of the rafts overturned and gear and food were lost. On the third day, they killed one of the two dogs with them and ate it. A crocodile attacked the remaining raft and they killed it with a Sten gun.

During the third day, they came to a 30-foot waterfall with banks so steep they could not get down. They put an appeal for help on the remaining raft, shoved it over the waterfall and hoped for the best. Trying to lower the raft, Houniet almost drowned and Barnard had to rescue him, losing his shoes in the process.

### Captain's Story

Captain van Nifterik said: "The mountains were terrible. We had to do a lot of climbing and each mountain gave way to a deep gorge. We were dizzy from lack of food and lack of sleep."

"During the day flies annoyed us and at night mosquitoes almost drove us crazy. The rocks were hot and Barnard's feet were bleeding, but we could not afford to rest. We kept on going in the direction we thought safety lay because we could not count on our message ever getting anywhere or being received by anyone. It sure was a relief when they found us."

"They were the rescue party which had set out from Katherine and which met the airman seven miles from Katherine. The four men lost considerable weight, but doctors said they would be all right.—United Press.

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## GEORGE CROSS AWARD

London, Apr. 1. The award of the George Cross is announced today to a South African-born chaplain in the Royal Air Force, the Reverend Herbert Hugh, who in the words of the official citation: "went to certain death" to injured airmen on a sinking ship.

The troopship "Anselm" was torpedoed while on the way from Britain to West Africa on July 5, 1941. The Reverend Mr. Hugh, insisted on being lowered to the injured men in a flooded hold. He was last seen kneeling in prayer with water up to his shoulders the moment before the ship sank.—Reuter.

## One World Can Be Realised

New Delhi, Apr. 1. Mahatma Gandhi, who is 77, told the Asian Relations Conference here today: "I would like to see one world in my lifetime. If all you delegates go away determined to believe in one world and with the will to carry it through, there is no doubt you will see the dream realised."

Mr. Gandhi, who was addressing delegates and observers from more than 30 countries, was asked by Dr. Han Li-wu, Chinese Vice-Minister of Education, for his opinion on a proposed Asian Institute.

He said that he supported it and thought that the Asian representatives should meet annually, or bi-annually, but added: "We have not come here to wage war against America or Europe or against any other non-Asian. That is not Asia's mission. India, having won independence by non-violent means, I should be very ashamed if we used our independence to suppress others."

Mr. Gandhi said that when he received the Viceroy's invitation to consult with him, "naturally I could not selfishly ride my high horse and say 'No, I cannot come.' That would have been absolutely foreign to my nature."

Pandit Nehru, Vice-President of the Indian Interim Government, and Dr. Khan Abdul Ghaffar (the "Frontier Gandhi") also attended the Asian Conference.

Indonesian Premier Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, Indonesian Republican Premier, told the delegates: "Our being here is due not only to our immediate interest in the business of the conference, but also because we have been isolated so long."

Pandit Nehru welcomed Dr. Sjahrir and said that his presence had "great significance for India."—Reuter.

## "The British Are Honest" --- Gandhi

New Delhi, Apr. 1. Mahatma Gandhi stopped scriptural recitals at a prayer meeting and refused to go on because a Hindu youth objected to the recital of the Koran and persuaded others in the congregation to walk out.

Gandhi said: "Tell the youth the loss is not his but the whole congregation's, which wanted recitals."

In his earlier address, Gandhi repeatedly referred to the "law of the jungle brute" and asked whether the Indians were "going to demean themselves by internal strife" when the British left India.

"Never in history has a ruling power left any dominion of its own free will," Gandhi said. "That is what the British are trying to do today. They are honest, whatever their past record."

Gandhi said that the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, was "trying to find a way of handing over power to Indian hands by a peaceful manner" and added that "it is everyone's duty to help."

Gandhi asserted that it was his belief that he had no following today, for otherwise "these tragedies would not have happened."

Gandhi later addressed the Congress Working Committee, reporting briefly on his talks with Lord Mountbatten. The committee adjourned until Friday after a two-hour session.—United Press.

Batavia, Apr. 1. Dr. Soekarno, President of the Indonesian Republic, said today that the signing of the United States of Indonesia agreement with the Dutch was "proof that we wish to cooperate with the whole world." This was the President's first reference to the agreement since it was signed in Batavia on March 25.—Reuter.

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A report of the working group for Asia and the Far East made public as the Commission was being established by the UNO Economic and Social Council recites a long story of physical destruction in the give and take of war.

China, the longest sufferer under the Japanese expansion, provides a cardinal example of post-war internal conflict and encompas the reconstruction problem that cannot be appraised finally until the current strife between the Nationalist Government forces and Chinese Reds is ended.

The report does not over-emphasize the fighting which broke out on new lines after the Japanese surrender, mainly in China, Indonesia and Indo-China. In one section on the Indo-China Federation, the report cites looting by the Japanese from the time of their pre-Pearl Harbor entrance at Tonkin in September 1940 and the "destruction resulting from the hostilities caused by the enemy, by regular Allied and French troops, by resistance troops inside the country, or by continued internal strife."

"Thus by roundabout means, presumably on a basis of French ports, the internal strife in Indo-China is reported to the UNO as a medium of economic destruction which must be repaired if the French Far Eastern outpost is to be woven into a peacetime pattern for Asia.

Paradoxically, the Vietnamese rebellion, still being fought against the return of French rule after its Vichy collaboration,

industrial markets, iron, coal, steel, breweries and tobacco, however, were occasionally harder in the shipping section, Canada provided the last feature. Moderate activity took place in oil. Twin Easles were well to the fore while British Hornes Petroleum rose 2/6.

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**London Stock Exchange**

London, Apr. 1.

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